The Hebrew of Creation

Original Hebrew

Genesis 1 Creation Week Bible Study

Day 1

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“Tohu” – The Hebrew Word for Formless

Genesis 1:1 says “**In the beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was formless and void and darkness was over the face of the deep.”**

The Hebrew word for **formless** is **tohu** תהו.

Tohu is used in the Bible to mean vanity, nothingness, a wasteland, a wilderness, and an uninhabitable place.

An easy way to understand this word is if you were to add water to the word tohu – that is, if you were to add the letter mem מ which is a picture of water to the word tohu – you would end up with the word **tehom** תהום which in Hebrew means “**the deep**.” The word tehom is used to describe the deep abysses of the ocean.

Tohu: An Uninhabitable Place

ת ה ו

Tehom: An Uninhabitable Place Covered in Water

מ ת ה ו

Tohu is an uninhabitable wasteland. Tehom is the same sort of place, just with water מ added.

“Bohu” – The Hebrew Word for Void

Genesis tells us that in the beginning the earth was not only tohu (an uninhabitable place), it was also **bohu** תהו.

The first letter of the word bohu is beyt ב which is a picture of a house. And, as you live *in* your house, the letter beyt is used in Hebrew words to mean in and inside. As one example of this, in Hebrew “*in the beginning”* is the single word *b’resheet*. Resheet means *beginning* in Hebrew and the letter beyt is added as a prefix to mean *in*.

The second letter in the word bohu is the letter hey ה which is often used in Hebrew words to mean to reveal.

When the inside of an item is revealed it's because there are no contents in that item – the item has been emptied out. The Hebrew word bohu means **empty and void**.

So, in the beginning, GOD created the heavens and the earth. But when HE first created it, the earth was tohu – an uninhabitable place – and it was bohu – an empty place.

From Water and Through Water

Continuing in Genesis, we read: **"And the Spirit of ELOHIM was hovering over the face of the waters."**

As we continue through the creation account, you'll see that the Earth is about to be formed and the heavens are about to be stretched out, but at the very beginning of creation, everything could be described as "waters."

As Peter says, "The earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of GOD." (2 Peter 3:5)

The Name ELOHIM – It's Not Plural

The Name our Creator uses as HE'S telling us about His creation is ELOHIM. And, it seems nearly everyone believes ELOHIM is a plural name. However, *Hear O Israel THE LORD our GOD is One*!

You can tell ELOHIM is not plural because Genesis says "In the beginning HE created" not "they created." In Hebrew, the words are b'resheet **bara** ELOHIM. If it was *they created* instead of *HE created,* the Hebrew would say b'resheet **baru** ELOHIM.

People who believe ELOHIM is plural say it's because of GOD's majesty, but if that was the reason, then wouldn't all of His Names be plural?

The main reason people assume ELOHIM is plural is because it ends with "im," which is a suffix that can be added to the end of Hebrew words to make them plural.

This is similar to how, in English, if you want to make something plural, you add the letter "**S**." *Horse* becomes *horse**s*** for example. But not everything in English that ends with the letter S is plural, and as we see with the name ELOHIM, not everything in Hebrew that ends with -im is plural.

If you look at the original Hebrew script of Father's Name, you'll see that His Name ELOHIM has to do with the creation.

One of GOD's Names is EL . The first letter Alef is a picture of a bull which is used in Hebrew words to mean **chief**. Lamed is a picture of a shepherd's staff and it's used in Hebrew words to mean **shepherd**. EL is our **Chief Shepherd** as Peter says (1 Peter 5:4).

EL

Shepherd **Chief**

Another one of GOD's Names is ELOHE , or as some pronounce it, ELOAH. It's the name EL with the letter hey at the end. The letter hey is used in Hebrew words to mean men, life and existence, so the name ELOHE has the meaning of **Chief Shepherd of men**, Chief Shepherd of Life and Chief Shepherd Who Is.

ELOHE / ELOAH

Men **Shepherd** **Chief**

Another one of His Names is ELOHIM, which is the Name ELOHE with a yod and a mem at the end. Yod is a picture of an arm. And, as you use your arm to work and make things, the letter yod is used in Hebrew words to mean to work and to **make**. The letter Mem is a picture of **water**.

So the meaning of His name ELOHIM is **Chief Shepherd of Men, Maker of the Waters.**

ELOHIM

Waters	**Maker**	**Men**	**Shepherd**	**Chief**
Mem	Yod	Hey	Lamed	Alef
(M)	(I)	(H)	(L)	(E)

At the beginning, all of the creation was contained in the deep waters, and the Maker of those waters was hovering over them. ELOHIM – The Chief Shepherd of Men and Maker of the Waters – is the Name HE gave us to show us that HE is the CREATOR of everything.

What is Light?

Continuing in Genesis, we read **"And ELOHIM said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."**

When GOD said this, it was on creation Day 1, before the sun was created. So what was the light that HE called into being?

John tells us that in Him is life, and that this life is the **light** of men (John 1:4). We believe when HE said *let there be light*, Father was calling forth the ability for things to exist and to live inside of the creation that HE had just made.

What is Good?

"And ELOHIM saw that the light was good."

The word for good in Hebrew is tov 𐤈𐤅𐤁.

The letter tet 𐤈 is a picture of a **storage container**, and the letter beyt 𐤁 as we saw before is a **house**.

To get an understanding of why a picture of a storage container 𐤈 and a house 𐤁 mean *good*, think of an empty house. And let's say you and your family are getting ready to move into this house. What sort of things will you fill the house with? It's likely that you'll head to a few stores to pick up things that you **need, want, and like**, and you'll bring them home and **store** them 𐤈 in your **house** 𐤁.

In the same way, when Father created the heavens and the earth, HE filled them with things that HE considered worthy and necessary to make everything function the way HE wanted it to. HE filled the creation with things that were **tov** 𐤈𐤅𐤁.

𐤁	𐤈
House Beyt (V)	**Stored** Tet (T)

We can see from the word tov that all of creation is a type of beyt – that is, it's a house and a dwelling place. As it says in Isaiah 45:18 (literal translation from the Hebrew):

> *"For thus says YHVH who created the heavens, HE is THE ELOHIM who formed the earth and made it. HE has established it not tohu, HE created it for a dwelling and HE formed it. I am YHVH and there is no other."*

When creation began, the earth was tohu (formless), but His intention all along was to establish it and form it to be a habitation for us. It's also a dwelling place for Him, since His desire has always been to dwell among men. Maranatha LORD YASHUA.

Day and Night

“And ELOHIM separated the light from the darkness. ELOHIM called the light Day,”

Hebrew is GOD’s language and the original Hebrew alphabet was designed by none other than the Creator of Heaven and Earth. His word for *day* is **yom** and HE named it yom to commemorate that this is when HE first began his **work** in **making** the **waters** .

Waters Mem (M)	**Work** Yod (Y)

“and the darkness he called Night.”

In the beginning, before HE said *let there be light*, darkness was over the face of the deep. Here, HE names the darkness **night**. So, the creation **begins with darkness** and night. And if you read Revelation, you’ll see that the whole creation will one day **end with light** and day.

> *“There will be no more night in the city, and they will have no need for the light of a lamp or of the sun. For THE LORD GOD will shine on them, and they will reign forever and ever.” (Revelation 22:5)*

This is one of the reasons that on Father’s calendar, His days begin at sunset. Nighttime comes first, then daytime, and that makes up a full day as HE sees it. It’s a daily sign to us and a model for us of how it all started and how it will, one day, all end.

How Was There Evening and Morning Before the Sun?

“And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.”

Earlier, we saw that before the sun was created, there was light. And here we see that before the sun was created, there was already the concept of evening and morning.

In Hebrew, the word for evening is **ereb**, and the word for morning is **boqer**.

The letter **beyt** as we saw earlier with the word tov is used as a picture of the *creation*.

The letter **ayin** is a picture of an eye, and it’s often used in Hebrew words to mean *observe*.

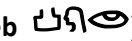
The letter **resh** is a picture of a man’s head, and it’s used in Hebrew words to mean *man*, as well as *beginning*. For example, just as the “header” of a document is its top and its beginning, the letter resh is used to mean *top* and *beginning* (Father’s alphabet is quite simple to understand).

The letter **quf** is a picture of the sun at the horizon and it’s used in Hebrew words to mean *sun* and *light*. It’s also used to mean *to rise* and *to go forth*, the same way the sun rises and goes forth from the

horizon.

With that, you now know all of the letters in *ereb* and *boqer*. So here are the meanings of the words in the original Hebrew script:

On Day One, before the sun was created:

In the evening (**ereb** ), HE observed the beginning of creation .
In the morning (**boqer**), creation's light began when HE said *let there be light.*

Before the Sun Was Created

Ereb (Evening)

Creation Beyt (B)	**Beginning** Resh (R)	**Observe** Ayin (E)

Boqer (Morning)

Began Resh (R)	**Light** Quf (Q)	**Creation** Beyt (B)

Later, after Father created the sun:

Ereb is the time of day when you can observe the head of the sun going into the horizon.
Boqer is the time of day when, as David describes in Psalm 19, from its chamber the sun begins its journey through the daytime sky.

After Father Created the Sun

Ereb (Evening)

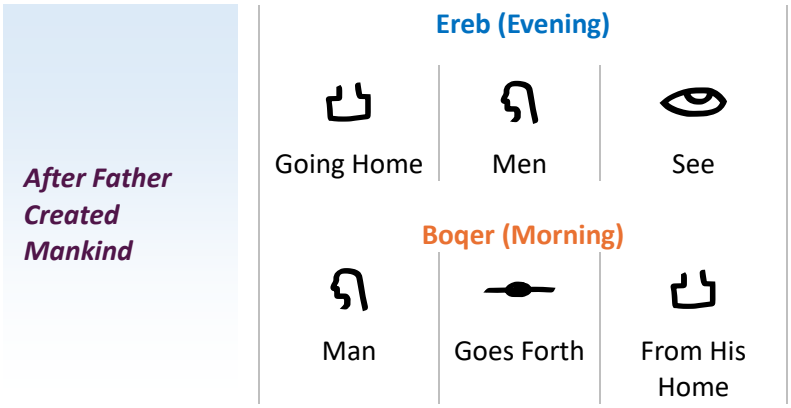
Going Into the Horizon	The Head of the Sun	Observe

Boqer (Morning)

Begins its Journey	The Sun	From its Chamber

And after Father created mankind:

Ereb also represents time of day you can see men going home from their work, and **Boqer** also represents the time of day when from his house goes forth man.



Creation Day 1 Recap

To Recap All of Creation Day 1:

In the beginning, ELOHIM – the Chief Shepherd of Men, Maker of the Waters
created the heavens and the earth.
And the earth was tohu and bohu – an uninhabitable and empty place,
and darkness was over the face of the tehom – the uninhabitable place covered in water.
And the Spirit of ELOHIM was hovering over the face of the waters. The Maker of the Waters was hovering over the waters HE had just created. These waters contained elements of the earth that HE was about to form and elements of the heavens that HE was about to start stretching out.
And ELOHIM said, "Let there be light," and there was light. HE made it so things could exist in what was initially uninhabitable.
And ELOHIM saw that the light was tov – it was worthy to be part of His creation.
And ELOHIM separated the light from the darkness.
ELOHIM called the light yom – to commemorate the beginning of His work on the waters
and the darkness HE called Night.
And there was ereb – when HE observed the beginning of His creation
and there was boqer – when creation's first light had it's beginning
the first day.

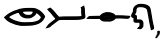
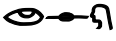
Day 2

What is the Firmament?

Genesis 1:6 says "**And GOD said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.**"

In Day 1, we saw that ELOHIM created the waters, and that the waters contained elements of the heavens and the earth. Earth was tohu and bohu – an uninhabitable, empty place – and all of His creation was described as a tehom – an uninhabitable place covered with water.

In Day 2, Father separated the waters of creation, and HE created a **firmament** between the waters.

The Hebrew word for firmament is **raqia**  , and it comes from the word **raqa**  which means **to stretch out**.

Raqa is to stretch out, and a raqia is something that has been stretched out. Father later calls the raqia **heavens**. So the creation of the firmament is Father beginning to **stretch out the heavens** as it's written.

> "(HE) stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in"
> – Isaiah 40:22 (see also Ps 104:2 and Isa 44:24)

A few observations here:

- The raqia is what we today call **space** – only there were no stars or planets yet on Day 2.

- At the outermost edges of space, we can expect to find part of the creation waters, since the raqia (heavens) were made to separate the waters on earth from other waters that were part of creation.

- In the Book of Enoch, Enoch says the circumference of the sun and moon are like the circumference of the heaven. In one translation, the word *circumference* is *roundness*. So, we would expect that if one could see the entire universe, there would be a roundness to it.

- The Hebrew letter quf in the word raqia could speak to this roundness. Quf is a picture of the sun at the horizon, and it's drawn as a circle with a line through it (it's where we get our English letter Q). The letter quf comes from the Hebrew word tequphah, which describes the round, arch-like path the sun travels across the daytime sky. It's translated as "circuit" in the Bible and could easily be used to mean orbit as well when speaking of the bodies in the heavens.

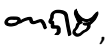
Continuing in Genesis, we read **“And GOD made the raqia, and divided the waters which were under the raqia from the waters which were above the raqia: and it was so. And GOD called the raqia Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.”**

Day 3

The Earth and the Seas

“And GOD said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And GOD called the dry land Earth”

The earth was already made in the beginning (Genesis 1:1), but here we see that HE caused the earth to appear, which in Hebrew is literally “to be seen.” The root word for *appear* is raah , to see.

The word for earth is **aretz**  , spelled alef-resh-tsade. One meaning that the letters alef and resh share is they can both be used to mean **strong**. The last letter tsade is a picture of a man lying down. Putting it together, the Hebrew word **aretz** is a picture of **something incredibly strong that Father laid down** for us. The earth, as we know, is strong enough for us to build on, to dig through, to drive trucks and trains over, and it’s made to withstand the weight of more than eight billion people.

Alef, strong. Resh, strong and beginning. Tsade, laid down.

The aretz is something very strong that Father laid down for us b’resheet, in the beginning.

“and the gathering together of the waters HE called seas”

No surprise here that the word for seas – yammim – has the Hebrew letter mem which is a picture of waters.

Also on Day 3, Father made the earth bring forth grass and herbs and trees.

Day 4

Lights in the Raqia

Continuing with Genesis 1:14, we read **"And GOD said, Let there be lights in the firmament (raqia) of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the raqia of the heaven to give light upon the earth"**

The Bible tells us here that every star you see in the heavens is there to give light upon the earth, meaning it was all made for us! Some people believe that earth is just a tiny blip in a massive universe, but that's not how Father sees it. HE made all of His beautiful heavens for us – to be light for us and, in part, to be a **great sign** to us.

Signs in the Heavens for Father's Children

Just as the sun, moon, and stars were created to be lights for the earth, YASHUA told His followers that we are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14).

And in Daniel we read that "those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the raqia; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever." (Daniel 12:3)

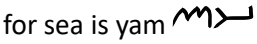
In both of those verses, our Creator is comparing us to the lights in the heavens.

And, as you'll see shortly, the entire heavens speak of Father's children.

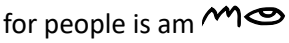
The Lost Meaning of "Shamayim"

In Hebrew, **heavens** is **shamayim**. If you research this word in a concordance or Bible dictionary, you'll read that shamayim is derived from a Hebrew root word that's been lost and that it's the plural form of this lost word which no one knows. But shamayim has a very obvious singular form.

Here are a few examples of how Hebrew plurals work:

The word for sea is yam 

Seas (plural) is yamm**im**

The word for people is am 

Peoples (plural) is amm**im**

As you can see, the letters **yod-mem (im)** can be added to the end of a Hebrew word to make it plural.

Now let's look at the word for heavens:

That's the word **shamayim**. If you take away the "im" you're left with the singular root, spelled shin-mem:

This is a well know Hebrew word!

It's **shem**, which means **name**.

If the singular form for the plural word **heavens** is **name,** then the heavens are the **names**.

But why would Creator call the heavens *the names*?

There's a hint in Isaiah 40:26. It says "Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? HE who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name."

Isaiah is telling us here that Father calls the stars by their shem, their name.

That's a hint. And the fuller understanding is in the Book of Enoch.

From Enoch chapter 43: "And I saw other lightnings and stars of heaven, and I saw how HE called them all by their names and they listened to Him… And I asked the angel who went with me and showed me what was hidden, "What are these?" And he said to me "THE LORD OF SPIRITS has shown you a parable concerning them: these are the names of the holy who dwell on the earth and believe in the name of THE LORD OF SPIRITS forever and ever."

The Name of THE LORD of Spirits is YASHUA. And those who believe in *His* name have *their* names represented by the lights in the heavens!

Shem is one name.
Shamayim = many names.

You, descendants of Abraham by your faith in YASHUA, who were promised to be as numerous as the stars in the shamayim, have your names represented in the shamayim as a sign to you, just as the lights in the shamayim were made to be a sign to you.

And now, let me show you another word in the heavens that talks about GOD's children.

Like the Stars Forever and Ever

The ancient Hebrew word for star is kokab כּוֹכָב, spelled kaph-kaph-beyt.

The letter kaph in the original Hebrew script is a picture of the palm of the hand (the Hebrew word kaph means palm of hand as well).

The letter beyt as discussed before is a picture of a house, and it's used in Hebrew words to mean "in."

So, by the letters, the word kokab – star – literally means in His hands.

As mentioned earlier, the Scriptures compare us to the stars and Enoch says the stars are a parable about believers in YASHUA. It's no surprise then that the meaning of the word star in Hebrew speaks of believers as well. YASHUA told us **no one can snatch us from His Hand** (John 10:28), which means we're secure in His kaph.

Revelation tells us that the angels are also **in YASHUA'S hand**, and that they are referred to as kokabim – as stars (Rev. 1:16-20).

We saw earlier in Isaiah and in Enoch that GOD calls the stars by their name. HE also says of His people on earth "Fear not for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

So, for the people on earth who believe in His Name, and for His angels who listen to Him, HE calls us all by our name – our shem – and our names are represented in the shamayim. And the lights that HE made to be a sign to us HE calls "kokab," which means in His hands.

It's just as David says in Psalm 8: When I consider His shamayim, His heavens - the work of His fingers - the moon and the kokabim which HE has established - what is man that you are mindful of him?

The Heavens Declare the Glory of GOD

The Scriptures say the heavens declare the glory of GOD and you – Father's children – are part of His glory. **Glory** and **wealth** in Hebrew are the same word: kabod כָּבוֹד. By the letters, the word kabod is a picture of **what's in your hand within your gates**. In other words, your glory and your wealth is that which is in your House.

KABOD (GLORY, WEALTH)

Dalet	Beyt	Kaph
Gates	**In**	**Hand**

If you're a parent, what's one of the first things you think of when someone asks you what's in your house? Your kids! We're in His house, so we're part of His wealth and glory. And one way that the heavens (shamayim) declare our Father's glory is they're a sign of the names of His children.

The next time you look up at night, please remember this: Your Creator has been thinking of you since the beginning of creation. And HE holds you in His hand. And your name – your shem – is in His Book of Life. HE calls you by your shem, and part of the reason that HE made the lights in the night sky was so they could be a sign to us of all these things.

"And GOD said, Let there be lights in the firmament (raqia) of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And GOD made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: HE made the stars also. And GOD set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and GOD saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day."

Day 5

"Ha'tanninim Ha'gadol" – An Interesting Theory

Continuing with Genesis 1:20, we read **"And GOD said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And GOD created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and GOD saw that it was good."**

If you read those verses in Hebrew, you'll see GOD created three distinct types of creatures on Day 5:

1. Ha'tanninim ha'gadol
2. Every living creature which abounded the waters
3. Every winged bird

The words *ha'tanninim ha'gadol* are translated in the KJV as *great whales*, but let's take a look at those words in Hebrew.

Ha in Hebrew means **the** and **gadol** means **great**. So *ha'tanninim ha'gadol is the great tanninim.* **Tanninim** is the plural form of **tannin**, which is a word used 27 times in the Bible, and in nearly every other case it's translated as **serpent** or **dragon**, not *whale*.

When Jonah was swallowed by a huge sea creature, it was by a *dag gadol* – that is, a great fish – not a *tannin*. (Jonah 1:17)

When GOD told Moses to cast down his staff before Pharaoh so HE could turn it into a *serpent*, the word there is *tannin.* (Exodus 7:9)

And in Isaiah 27, Leviathan is described as a *snake* and *tannin*.

By those Scriptures and by the paleo Hebrew letters, it's obvious to me that **tannin** is a **some sort of snake-like creature**.

This is the original Hebrew letter nachash:

Many people know that letter as *nun,* but in the original Hebrew alphabet, it was a picture of a snake, and the word for *snake* in Hebrew is *nachash*. *(Video Link: Nun: it's actually Nachash https://youtu.be/rUDVspxwdsg)*

The original Hebrew word **tannin** is spelled tav-nachash-nachash. As the word *tav* in Hebrew means *mark*, the letter tav is used in Hebrew words to mean *sign* and *mark.*

TANNIN

Nachash **Snake**	Nachash **Snake**	Tav **Mark**

The word **tannin** then, by the letters, bears the **mark of snakes**! It's no surprise then that it's translated throughout the Bible as *serpent* and *dragon*, and in at least one translation as **reptile**.

Is it possible that here on Day 5 we have the written account of GOD creating.. dinosaurs?

Most Christians teach that dinosaurs were created the next day, on creation Day 6, within the same 24 hours as mankind. But the Scriptures don't limit Father to 24-hour days during creation. Throughout the Bible, the word "day" is used in many ways – it can mean daytime, a full day, or any period of time, including but not limited to 1,000 years. Day 5 didn't have to be only 24 hours long – it could have lasted for 100,000 years for all we know. And if it was tens of thousands of years long instead of millions of years, then our Day 5 dinosaur theory would align with the earth being young as many believe.

One reason I think Day 5 was longer than 24 hours and *ha'tanninim ha'gadol* may be speaking of the great reptiles who used to walk the earth is I don't see how gigantic meat-eating dinosaurs could have co-existed with mankind.

If dinosaurs lived and died off on Day 5 before mankind was created, they would have never posed a threat to mankind, and their carnivorous ways would have been allowable since the command to only eat vegetables wasn't given until Day 6.

Many will say that animals eating other animals is not **good** and GOD said during creation that things were good. But, as we showed earlier, **good (tov)** is not a measure of what mankind finds pleasing, it's a description of whatever Father deemed necessary for His creation.

Others may argue that a 100,000 year-long Day 5 where animals lived and died is impossible since *death entered through Adam*. Let's address that argument next since it's a popular one.

Death Through Adam, Life Through YASHUA

In Romans we read "by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin" (Romans 5:12). What Paul is telling us here is not that death entered the world by Adam, but that *death through sin* entered the world through him. And *death through sin* is different from *physical death*.

The Scriptures have a lot to say on this subject.

In Genesis 2:16, we read the account of Father telling Adam he would die in the day he ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, yet Adam continued to live for hundreds of years after he ate from that tree. That's because Father wasn't talking about physical death there – HE meant *spiritual death,* which is the separation from GOD that comes as a result of sin.

The word sin in Hebrew is *chata* and I believe it's closely related to the Hebrew letter *chet*. Sin is even pronounced *chet* in many instances in the Bible.

Chet in the original Hebrew was a picture of a wall:

And as our Father describes our relationship with Him as a **walk** where YASHUA is **the WAY** and HE guides us along the path we should go, **sin is the wall** that stops you dead in your tracks.

Thankfully YASHUA is the door, and if we repent and HE forgives, we can continue along the Way.

But without repentance and forgiveness, you have *death through sin*. This is the kind of death that entered the world thru Adam. Many believe it was physical death that entered through him, but notably, Genesis tells us that Adam needed access to the Tree of Life in order to live forever (Genesis 3:22). That's because, as Paul says, flesh and blood is perishable (1 Corinthians 15:42, 50, 54 and also 1 Enoch 15:4-5).

There are many Scriptures that teach about two types of death – a spiritual one and a physical one.

YHVH said to the people of Israel who worshipped idols: "When you offended in Baal, you died" (Hosea 13:1). Israelites were still living when HE told them this, but in His eyes, they were dead.

In Ezekiel we read "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4).

And YASHUA said to those who are His "Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).

As far as I'm concerned, all of the above is proof enough that are two types of death, but here's one more proof: YASHUA said, speaking of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who were dead and buried at the time, that their "GOD is not the GOD of the dead, but of the living." (Mark 12:26-27)

So there's a spiritual death and a physical death. And that means there's also a *spiritual life* and a *physical life*.

In the physical life, you're born from your mother's womb and you need food and water to survive.

In our spiritual life, we're re-born from above and we exist by the bread which is His body and the drink which is His blood that was shed for us.

From the very beginning, Father made it known that men and women – perishable flesh and blood – require something outside of ourselves in order to live forever. In the Garden, it was the Tree of Life. And when man sinned, an angel was placed there to guard The Way to the tree (Genesis 3:24).

As we know, YASHUA is The Way. And it is the work HE accomplished on the cross which ensures our spiritual life forever with Him. His great work is pictured in the Hebrew word for life which is *chay*, spelled chet-yod. The letter **chet** (the picture of a wall) is often used in Hebrew words to mean **end**, and the letter **yod** as we showed before is often used to mean **work**.

So life – chay – is the end-result of His work.

CHAY (LIFE)

Work
Yod
(Y)

End
Chet
(CH)

For those who assume physical death is something that could never have been part of our Father's perfect creation, here are a few things to consider:

Those in YASHUA are taught not to fear physical death, because HE has paid for our sins. Without sin, "to die is gain" like Paul says because it means we go elsewhere to be with THE LORD (Philippians 1).

YASHUA gives us a great example of what happens to the righteous when they die in the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16). When Lazarus died physically, he was taken by Father's angels to Abraham's side where he was comforted. This is a beautiful confirmation of what we read in the Old Testament: "The wicked is overthrown through his evildoing, but **the righteous finds refuge in his death**." (Proverbs 14:32)

Bringing it back to creation week, we believe there may have been physical death before Adam sinned. Surely *plants* lived and died as food for man and animals before the Fall. Our position is that, whether or not Moses was talking about dinosaurs when he wrote the words *ha'tanninim ha'gadol*, it's possible that dinosaurs lived and died long before Adam as well. And since physical death is not separation from GOD, we expect to see some of those magnificent creatures in heaven one day.

Day 6

At some point in the future, I may come back to Day 6 and add a few notes, but for now, let's just read what Moses wrote about it:

"And GOD said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And GOD made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and GOD saw that it was good.

And GOD said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So GOD created man in His own image, in the image of GOD created HE him; male and female created HE them. And GOD blessed them, and GOD said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

And GOD said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And GOD saw every thing that HE had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

Day 7

Sabbath Rest

Continuing with Genesis 2:1, Moses wrote: **"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day GOD ended his work which HE had made; and HE rested on the seventh day from all His work which HE had made."**

In Hebrew, the word for "HE rested" is shabbat (sabbath). And the root word for shabbat is shub, spelled shin-beyt. By the letters, **shub** means **to face the house**. The letter **shin** is a picture of **teeth** (the word

shin in Hebrew also means teeth), and it's used in Hebrew words to mean **front and face**, as your teeth are in front of your face. **Beyt,** as we showed earlier, means **house**.

SHUB (RETURN, REPENT)

Home
Beyt
(B)

Face
Shin
(SH)

The root word *shub* is often translated in the Scriptures as *return*. Meaning if you're away from home and it's time to head back, you first have to face the house before you can return home.

Shub is also used in the Bible to mean *repent*. Meaning when you've strayed from the Way to our Father's House and you're going the wrong way, the first thing is you need to do is turn around and face His house so you can get back on track.

The word Sabbath is the word shub with the letter tav at the end of it. *Tav* as we showed before is a *mark* and a *sign*. And as a sign that you've returned (shub), you are now at rest.

SHABBAT (REST)

Sign
Tav
(T)

Home
Beyt
(B)

Face
Shin
(SH)

The concept of **shabbat (rest)** is something HE established at the very beginning of our history, on Day 7.

I believe one reason that HE established it so early is HE knew that very soon, earth and all mankind would be under a curse because of Adam's sin.

The Curse and Rest From the Curse

In Genesis 3 we read about the Fall of Man and the curse, and as part of the explanation of the curse, we're introduced to the Hebrew root words "atsab" and "etseb." Both atsab and etseb are spelled ayin-tsade-beyt, and the words mean grief, hurt, sorrow and painful labor.

Ayin is a picture of the eye. Tsade is a man lying on his side. And Beyt is the house.

The result of the curse is that men and women would come to know (ayin) humbleness (tsade, being laid low) in Father's creation (beyt).

ATSAB & ETSEB (GRIEF, SORROW, LABOR)		
Creation Beyt (B)	**Humbleness** Tsade (TS)	**Know** Ayin (A/E)

Let's talk about three specific parts of the curse, and then we'll get back to the good news of Sabbath.

1. As part of the curse, there would be enmity (hostility) between the seed of the serpent and the seed of women.

Genesis 6 and the Book of Enoch tell us that angels came to earth, mixed with women, and produced a type of offspring that were not authorized by GOD. These are the Nephilim (giants) of the Bible. Enoch further explains that when Father slew the Nephilim, HE destroyed their flesh but turned their spirits into what we know as demons. And those demons are allowed to remain on earth per His instructions until Judgment Day. This is why the demon argued with YASHUA, saying, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" (Matthew 8:29)

Enoch describes what the demons will do while here among men:

"The giants, who are produced from the spirits and flesh, shall be called evil spirits upon the earth, and on the earth shall be their dwelling… And the spirits of the giants afflict, oppress, destroy, attack, do battle, and work destruction on the earth, and cause trouble: they take no food, but nevertheless hunger and thirst, and cause offences. And these spirits shall rise up against the children of men and against the women, because they have proceeded from them." (Enoch 15)

Those verses are describing the ongoing hostility between the seed of the serpent in the garden and the seed of women. Those in YASHUA are given power over these spirits, but until HE returns, we live in a world where their influence is very evident.

2. As a result of the curse, women would experience atsab (painful labor, grief and sorrow):

Father said to Eve: "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow *(**itsabon**, root word atsab)* and thy conception; in sorrow *(root word etseb)* thou shalt bring forth children" (Genesis 3).

3. As a result of the curse, men would experience atsab (painful labor, grief and sorrow):

Father told Adam: "Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow *(**itsabon**, root word atsab)* shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" (Genesis 3).

In summary, as part of the curse, we all have to deal with **spiritual battles,** men must eat by the sweat of their brow and through **painful labor** (*itsabon*), and women have to experience **pain and painful labor** (*itsabon*) as part of bearing children.

But before any of these curses came upon mankind, Father established the Sabbath – rest.

Sabbath was given to us as a weekly reminder that although we have to know humbleness , grief, sorrow and pain in His creation as the result of His curse, HE can lift the curse anytime HE wants and give rest from it to anyone HE chooses.

HE demonstrated this when HE delivered Israel from Egypt. In the wilderness, there was no need to gather food on Sabbath – HE gave the people extra food the day before so they could stay home and rest.

For anyone who is His, HE wanted us to know Him as the Creator who will give us rest. "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" HE said (Mt. 11:28).

Those in YASHUA have His rest now, even though we live in a fallen world. **And in Millennium, which is a type of Sabbath rest, the curses will be lifted!**

Enoch tells us that in those days ELOHIM will transform the ground and make it a blessing. Vines and seeds and olives will produce many multiples of what they do now. It's written that the whole ground will be tilled in righteousness and planted with trees and vines and fruit in abundance, and that our Father will open the storehouses of blessing upon the works of men (Enoch 10) – **that's the earth's curse & man's curse being lifted.**

Enoch also quotes YHVH who says "And I will transform the earth and make it a blessing: And I will cause Mine elect ones to dwell upon it: But the sinners and evil-doers shall not set foot thereon" (Enoch 45) – **that's the curse of the hostility and spiritual attacks from demons being removed in Millennium.**

Enoch also writes that the righteous will live to have thousands of children (Enoch 10) **– that's the curse of painful labor being lifted from women.**

In Conclusion

As Father's creation week ended with rest, I'd like to end this creation week Bible study with words about the rest that is coming soon for all of Father's children.

These words were spoken by ELOHIM our Creator and recorded by Enoch. They describe Father's instructions to His angels on what must be done in the Day of Judgment, and what will come soon after in Millennium:

> "Destroy all wrong from the face of the earth and let every evil work come to an end… And then shall all the righteous escape, And shall live till they beget thousands of children, and all the days of their youth and their old age shall they complete in peace.
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> And then shall the whole earth be tilled in righteousness, and shall all be planted with trees and be full of blessing. And all desirable trees shall be planted on it, and they shall plant vines on it: and the vine which they plant thereon shall yield wine in abundance, and as for all the seed which is sown thereon each measure (of it) shall bear a thousand, and each measure of olives shall yield ten presses of oil.
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> And cleanse thou the earth from all oppression, and from all unrighteousness, and from all sin, and from all godlessness: and all the uncleanness that is wrought upon the earth destroy from off the earth.

> And all the children of men shall become righteous, and all nations shall offer adoration and shall praise Me, and all shall worship Me. And the earth shall be cleansed from all defilement, and from all sin, and from all punishment, and from all torment, and I will never again send (them) upon it from generation to generation and for ever."

Praise and glory to GOD our Father and YASHUA the King! We look forward to Your Day.

Shalom to all of Father's children.

Shalom unto Jerusalem.

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